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SUBJ: BARBADOS-CHINESE RELATIONS

1. MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HENRY DEB. FORDE ANNOUNCED
IN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY THIS AFTERNOON THAT, AS OF TODAY
(JANUARY 11), GOB IS SEVERING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN).

2. TEXT OF MINISTER'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

"BARBADOS HAS MAINTAINED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS TAIWAN, SINCE
SEPTEMBER 4, 1967. A TAIWANESE EMBASSY WAS ESTABLISHED IN
BARBADOS IN 1968, BUT A BARBADOS AMBASSADOR HAS NEVER BEEN
ACCREDITED TO TAIWAN. ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DEBATE ON THE ADMISSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO
THAT BODY, THE BARBADOS DELEGATION EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A
COMPROMISE FORMULA WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND TO HAVE ENABLED THE
GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN TO REACH AN ACCOMMODATION WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

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"NEITHER TAIWAN NOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS,
HOWEVER, BEEN WILLING TO REACH THIS ACCOMMODATION OR TO ACCEPT
THE PRINCIPLE OF THE EXISTENCE OF "TWO CHINAS".

"ON OCTOBER 25, 1971, THE UNITED NATIONS OVERWHELMINGLY
DECIDED "TO RESTORE ALL ITS RIGHTS TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA AND TO RECOGNISE ITS REPRESENTATIVES AS THE ONLY

LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF CHINA".

"IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS
CONSIDERS THAT IT CAN NO LONGER VALIDLY TREAT THE GOVERNMENT
AT TAIWAN AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ALL CHINA. THE GOVERNMENT AT
TAIWAN HAS THEREFORE BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT, AS FROM
TODAY, IT WILL NO LONGER BE RECOGNISED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
BARBADOS AS THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA. I BELIEVE THAT FAILURE
TO TAKE THIS POSITION WOULD BE TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE
REALITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND BE CONTRARY TO
OUR BEST INTERESTS."

3. THEREFORE, AS FROM THIS DAY, THE GOB
WILL NO LONGER RECOGNIZE THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
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